



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 462**

February Session, 2008

Substitute House Bill No. 5029

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2008*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. CARUSO of the 126th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE ETHICS CODE FOR LOBBYISTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-97 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
2 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (NEW) (e) No communicator lobbyist shall serve as a member of  
4 any board or commission of the state that receives funding from the  
5 state, including, but not limited to, any board of directors of a quasi-  
6 public agency, as defined in section 1-120. The provisions of this  
7 section shall not apply to any lobbyist serving as such a member on the  
8 effective date of this section until the expiration of such member's  
9 term.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	1-97
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which prohibits communicator lobbyists from serving on any state board or commission, as well as the board of any quasi-public agency that receives state funding, will have no fiscal impact to the state.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5029*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ETHICS CODE FOR LOBBYISTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits communicator lobbyists from serving on any state board or commission, including on the board of directors of certain quasi-public agencies that receive state funding. However, lobbyists serving on these boards or commissions on July 1, 2008 may continue to do so until their terms expire. The quasi-public agencies that may be covered are:

1. Capital City Economic Development Authority;
2. Connecticut Development Authority;
3. Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority;
4. Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority;
5. Connecticut Housing Finance Authority;
6. Connecticut Innovations, Inc.;
7. Connecticut Lottery Corporation;
8. Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority; and
9. State Housing Authority

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

**BACKGROUND*****Communicator Lobbyists***

A “communicator lobbyist” is an individual who, on behalf of one or more client lobbyists, receives or agrees to receive compensation, reimbursement, or both, totaling \$2,000 or more in any calendar year to communicate or get others to communicate to influence administrative or legislative lobbying.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    8        Nay   5        (03/17/2008)